



Head of history at Haberdashers' Adams (TLR 2.2)

The school

Haberdashers' Adams is a selective state grammar school with academy status situated in the small market town of Newport in rural Shropshire. It is a boys school with co-educational Sixth Form. There are currently just over 900 pupils on roll; approximately 100 of these are boarders. The Sixth Form has about 330 students of whom about 90 are girls.

The history department

The department consists of three full-time teachers, including the Head of Department. All are history specialists. The department occupies a modern suite of rooms within the humanities block; most of our history teaching takes place there. All rooms in the suite are equipped with a data projector and have interactive whiteboards.

History is compulsory for KS3 pupils; it is also a popular option at GCSE (two sets) and is taught at A-level. Although this is a selective school, our pupils have a wide range of abilities; a correspondingly wide variety of teaching methods and differentiation are therefore important. Good classroom management skills are an important part of the department's success, as are confidence and competence in the use of ICT, including the department's set of laptop computers.

At GCSE, the department prepares students for AQA Modern World History (8145) covering Russia, 1894–1945; Conflict and tension in Asia, 1950–1975; Britain: Power and the people: c1170 to the present day; and Elizabethan England, c1568–1603 (with historical environment enquiry). At A-level, the department prepares students for AQA History 7042 with a breadth study covering the British Empire between 1857 and 1967, a depth study covering the Cold War, and a historical investigation on a topic of the students' own choosing. Schemes of work have been developed for both of these new specifications, as well as for Key Stage 3, but there is scope for refining them or for choosing new topics in due course.

We want our pupils to enjoy, but also, where appropriate, feel challenged by their experiences in history. The department has in the recent past run visits to Warwick Castle, the Commandery in Worcester, Coalbrookdale, the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, the First World War Battlefields of France, to Spain and to the USA. Most substantially, it has run trips to Russia every two years and another one of these is scheduled for October 2019. The new HoD would be expected to participate in this.

The candidate

The department is looking to recruit an outstanding teacher of history to lead its dynamic team. The successful applicant will have a good degree in history and will be passionate about the role and teaching of history. They must have significant experience of teaching GCSE and A-level and be passionate about the subject when teaching all ages. They should also be able to demonstrate organizational ability and leadership. In essence, we aim to appoint the very best candidate and we are open to their ideas for the future direction of the department.

We expect the successful candidate to take an active part in the school's wider range of extra-curricular activities.

Job description and person specification

Please see the attached job description and person specification that apply to all head of department posts at Haberdashers' Adams.